

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of synchronizing visual information with audio playback, comprising the steps of:

receiving a user selection of a desired audio file;

initiating play of the desired audio file on an audio

5 playback device; and

displaying visual information associated with the desired audio file on a display device separate from said audio playback device in accordance with timestamp data such that the visual information is displayed synchronously with the playing of the

10 desired audio file, wherein the commencement of playing the desired audio file by the audio playback device and the commencement of the displaying step by the display device are a function of a signal from the display device, said signal turning the audio playback device off and on prior to the audio playback device playing the
15 desired audio file.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the signal comprises an infrared signal.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the display device comprises a handheld device.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said method further comprises the step of:

analyzing the audio file and generating timestamp data
corresponding to the visual information associated with the audio
5 file.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as claimed in claim 5A~~
method of synchronizing visual information with audio playback,
comprising the steps of:

receiving a user selection of a desired audio file;

5 analyzing the audio file and generating timestamp data
corresponding to the visual information associated with the audio
file;

initiating play of the desired audio file on an audio
playback device; and

10 displaying visual information associated with the desired
audio file on a display device separate from said audio playback
device in accordance with the timestamp data such that the visual
information is displayed synchronously with the playing of the
desired audio file, wherein the commencement of playing the desired
15 audio file by the audio playback device and the commencement of the

displaying step by the display device are a function of a signal from the display device, and wherein the timestamp data is generated utilizing a text-based process.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as claimed in claim 5A~~
method of synchronizing visual information with audio playback,
comprising the steps of:

receiving a user selection of a desired audio file;

5 analyzing the audio file and generating timestamp data
corresponding to the visual information associated with the audio
file;

initiating play of the desired audio file on an audio
playback device; and

10 displaying visual information associated with the desired
audio file on a display device separate from said audio playback
device in accordance with the timestamp data such that the visual
information is displayed synchronously with the playing of the
desired audio file, wherein the commencement of playing the desired
15 audio file by the audio playback device and the commencement of the
displaying step by the display device are a function of a signal
from the display device, and wherein the timestamp data is
generated utilizing a pronunciation dictionary process.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as claimed in claim 5A~~
method of synchronizing visual information with audio playback,
comprising the steps of:

receiving a user selection of a desired audio file;

5 analyzing the audio file and generating timestamp data
corresponding to the visual information associated with the audio
file;

initiating play of the desired audio file on an audio
playback device; and

10 displaying visual information associated with the desired
audio file on a display device separate from said audio playback
device in accordance with the timestamp data such that the visual
information is displayed synchronously with the playing of the
desired audio file, wherein the commencement of playing the desired
15 audio file by the audio playback device and the commencement of the
displaying step by the display device are a function of a signal
from the display device, and wherein the timestamp data is
generated utilizing a note transcription of music process.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 5,
wherein the timestamp data is generated utilizing tempo information
extracted from music.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as claimed in claim 5A~~
method of synchronizing visual information with audio playback,
comprising the steps of:

receiving a user selection of a desired audio file;

5 analyzing the audio file and generating timestamp data
corresponding to the visual information associated with the audio
file;

initiating play of the desired audio file on an audio
playback device; and

10 displaying visual information associated with the desired
audio file on a display device separate from said audio playback
device in accordance with the timestamp data such that the visual
information is displayed synchronously with the playing of the
desired audio file, wherein the commencement of playing the desired
15 audio file by the audio playback device and the commencement of the
displaying step by the display device are a function of a signal
from the display device, and wherein said method further comprises
the steps of:

comparing a location of a keyword extracted from the
20 desired audio file with an actual location of a keyword within the
timestamp data; and

adjusting the location of the extracted keyword to match
the location of the keyword within the timestamp data.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the visual information comprises text lines.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

displaying a title of the desired audio file on the display device.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selection is from a list stored in a memory associated with the display device.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selection is performed by a random number selection method.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

sending a signal from the display device to the audio playback device to cause the audio playback device to start.

16-23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for synchronizing visual information associated with audio playback, comprising:

a memory for storing a listing of audio files, and for storing visual information corresponding to said audio files, said visual information containing timestamp data enabling synchronous display of said visual information with audio playback of the corresponding audio file on a separate audio playback device;

a display device for displaying said visual information; and

a processor for receiving a user selection of a desired audio file from said stored listing of audio files, for effecting playback of the desired audio file on said separate audio playback device, and for initiating display of the visual information associated with the desired audio file on the display device in accordance with the timestamp data, wherein the commencement of playing the desired audio file by a separate audio playback device and the commencement of the displaying step are a function of a signal from the display device, said signal turning the separate audio playback device off and on prior to the separate audio playback device playing the desired audio file.